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R 030130Z OCT 73
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7723

C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 17402

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR MOPS VS
SUBJECT: MAJOR CONTACT IN SOUTHERN TAY NINH PROVINCE

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM DAO/SAIGON DATED OCT 3
IS REPEATED HERE FOR YOUR ACTION:

P 030600Z OCT 73
FM DAO/SGN RVN //AOSOP-OR//
TO RUMMRGA/USSAG THNAF NKP THAI
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RUEKJCS/NMCC WASHDC
RUEKJCS/DIA WASHDC
RUMJIR /AMEMBASSY SAIGON RVN
RUMJNE/AMCONSUL NHA TRANG

C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJECT: MAJOR CONTACT IN SOUTHERN TAY NINH PROVINCE (C)

REF: DAO SGN//AOSOP-OR// 010130 OCT 73 (C).

1. (U) REF (SAME SUBJ) WAS INITIAL DAO REPT OF CONTACT.

2. (C) ADDITIONAL AVAIL INFO AS FOLLOWS:
A. 25TH DIV INITIATED OPERATION QUYET THANG 62.
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B. OPERATION CONDUCTED TO SWEEP RUBBER PLANTATIONS
EAST OF QL-22 BETWEEN CAM GIANG VILLAGE AND HIEU THIEN
DISTRICT TOWN. TERRAIN DESCRIBED AS DENSE AND MUDDY.
C. INITIAL CASUALTIES, IN ADDITION TO BN XO AND CO,
INCLUDED TWO ARTY FO'S (ONE KIA, ONE WIA). TWO COCOMDRS
REPT TO HAVE FLED CONTACT. RADIO COMM LOST EARLY IN CONTACT.
D. CASUALTY REPT REMAIN CONFLICTING. FOLL ARE LATEST
AS INDICATED:
(1) JGS 030600 OCT 73 - KIA -46, WIA-124, MIA-145, CREW
SERVED WPNS-7, SMALL ARMS-132, PRC-25, RADIO'S-18.
(2) CONGEN BIEN HOA MEETING WITH CG MR III 021733 OCT-
ALL BUT 18 MIA'S NOW RECOVERED; VNAF TACAIR SORTIES: 49
01 OCT , 20 02 OCT; ANOTHER UNIT OF 25TH DIV DEPLOYED IN
ADDITION TO FIVE RF BN REINFORCEMENT TO SEEK AND DESTROY
ENEMY.

3. (U) INITIAL JGS ANALYSIS INDICATES DELIBERATE AMBUSH
OF UNIT (2/49) WHICH UTILIZED LAX SECURITY AND WAS DEPLOYED
IMPROPERLY. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.
GS31 DEC 79. UNQUOTE
APPLING

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